

**BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING**

March 13, 2009

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists was called to order on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established at 10:00 am.

Board members in attendance:

Terrence Giblin

James Pinel

Dale Blumen

Joseph Costa

Noelle Harris

Board members not in attendance:

Ronald Mancini

John Roche

Staff members in attendance:

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 14, 2008, were presented. On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by Noelle Harris, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Terrence Giblin, seconded by James Pinel, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 10:15 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:00 am.

On motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by James Pinel, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. The following final action was unanimously voted on in Executive Session:

2008-02-MCH Recommend probation with supervision

2008-03-MCH No unprofessional conduct

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following mental health counselor applications for licensure pending successful completion of the national examination:

Nicole Saunders Daniel Omayo

Lisa Afonso Lynes Anna Andrade

Sara Baumgartel Kathryn Morrow

Kimberly Leandre Kelly Adams

Susan Wright

Jeffrey Aiken (pending completion of supervised hours)

Katherine Meehan (pending completion of supervised hours)

Kathleen O'Rourke (pending completion of supervised hours)

Linda Gil (pending receipt of final transcript)

Stephanie Enos (pending receipt of final transcript)

Jeffrey DiPietro (pending receipt of final transcript)

Gary Paulhus (pending receipt of final transcript)

Peter Letendre (pending receipt of final transcript)

The Board reviewed and approved the following mental health counselor application for licensure by endorsement:

Kate Bowen

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the following marriage

and family therapists for licensure by examination:

Jason Laurie (pending completion of supervised hours & section 8b of application)

Business

The Board reviewed a request for clarification regarding continuing education and determined that serving as an instructor for a CE program does not meet the requirements for ongoing CE for renewal of the license.

The Board considered a request for a waiver of the MHC licensure examination based on applicant experience. The Board determined there is no statutory authority to waive requirements for licensure.

The Board reviewed the planned curriculum for the Roger Williams University program in Forensic Mental Health Counseling. There was consensus the program will be an appropriate addition to the current academic offerings in the state.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Noelle Harris, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulation